

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) In a washing machine including a cabinet having a first opening through which laundry is put in at a cabinet front side, a tub having a second opening at a tub front side, and a drum rotatably provided in the tub to have a third opening at a drum front side, a gasket comprising:

a leakage preventing part having one end connected to a rim of the first opening and the other end connected to a rim of the second opening; and

a ring protrusion protruding toward a center of the third opening between the one and the other ends of the leakage preventing part to block a gap between the second and third openings, the ring protrusion having a front end defining a front end opening and a rear end defining a rear end opening, with the rear end being closer to the drum than the front end, and ~~an inside~~ a diameter of the front end of the protrusion being greater than ~~that a diameter~~ of the rear end opening of the protrusion.

2. (Original) The gasket as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protrusion extends to a front end of the third opening from an inside of the leakage preventing part.

3. (Original) The gasket as claimed in claim 1, wherein an inside diameter of the second opening is greater than that of the third opening.

4. (Original) The gasket as claimed in claim 3, wherein the second opening is formed ahead of the third opening.

5. (Original) The gasket as claimed in claim 4, wherein the protrusion extends to a front end of the third opening from an inside of the other end of the leakage preventing part.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) The gasket as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~inner-side~~ diameter of the front end opening of the protrusion is equal to an outside diameter of the third opening.

8. (Currently Amended) The gasket as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~inner-side~~ diameter of the front end opening of the protrusion is greater than the outside diameter of the third opening.

9. (Currently Amended) The gasket as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~inner-side~~ diameter of the rear end opening of the protrusion is smaller than the inside diameter of the third opening.

10. (Currently Amended) A drum washing machine comprising:  
a cabinet having a first opening through which laundry is put in at a cabinet front side;  
a tub having a second opening at a tub front side; a drum provided in the tub to have a third opening at a drum front side corresponding to the second opening;  
a rotation means having a rotational shaft penetrating a rear side of the tub to be connected to the drum;  
a door opening/closing the first opening; and  
a gasket blocking a gap between the first and second openings to prevent leakage of water and blocking a gap between the second and third openings to prevent a particle from being put between the tub and the drum, the gasket including:  
a leakage preventing part having one end connected to a rim of the first opening and the other end connected to a rim of the second opening; and  
a ring protrusion protruding toward a center of the third opening between the one and the other ends of the leakage preventing part to block a gap between the second and third openings, the ring protrusion having a front end defining a front end opening and a rear end defining a rear end opening, with the rear end being closer to the drum than the front end, and ~~an inside~~

diameter of the front end of the protrusion being greater than ~~that a diameter~~ of the rear end opening of the protrusion.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Previously Presented) The drum washing machine as claimed in claim 10, wherein the protrusion extends to a front end of the third opening from an inside of the leakage preventing part.

13. (Previously Presented) The drum washing machine as claimed in claim 10, wherein an inside diameter of the second opening is greater than that of the third opening.

14. (Previously Presented) The drum washing machine as claimed in claim 13, wherein the second opening is formed ahead of the third opening.

15. (Previously Presented) The drum washing machine as claimed in claim 14, wherein the protrusion extends to a front end of the third opening from an inside of the other end of the leakage preventing part.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) The drum washing machine as claimed in claim 10, wherein the ~~inner-side~~ diameter of the front end opening of the protrusion is equal to an outside diameter of the third opening.

18. (Currently Amended) The drum washing machine as claimed in claim 10, wherein the ~~inner-side~~ diameter of the front end opening of the protrusion is greater than the outside diameter of the third opening.

19. (Currently Amended) The drum washing machine as claimed in claim 10, wherein the ~~inner-side~~ diameter of the rear end opening of the protrusion is smaller than the inside diameter of the third opening.

20. (Previously Presented) The gasket as claimed in claim 1, wherein the front and rear ends are substantially normal to a center axis of the drum.

21. (Currently Amended) The drum washing machine as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, wherein the front and rear ends are substantially normal to a center axis of the drum.